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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 13-36 remain in this application with claims 13, 19, 25 and 31 being independent claims. Claims 13, 16, 19, 22, 25, 28, 31 and 34 have been amended herein.

Regarding independent claims 13, 19, 25, and 31, Applicants respectfully assert that these claims are patentable over the cited references in the outstanding office action. Applicants respectfully assert that neither *Gallant et al.* nor *Smyth*, whether taken alone or in any reasonable combination disclose, teach or suggest the present invention. In particular, neither reference discloses a switching device connected to the SIP-unobservant device, with the switching device including an emulation client, and a location sever connected to the switching device. Therefore, Applicants respectfully assert that these claims as now presented are patentable over the cited references.

Regarding claims 14-18, as these claims depend either directly or indirectly from independent claim 13, and therefore incorporate all the limitations of claim 13 therein, for the reasons set forth above with respect to claim 13, Applicant asserts that these claims are also in condition for allowance.

Regarding claims 20-24, as these claims depend either directly or indirectly from independent claim 19, and therefore incorporate all the limitations of claim 19 therein, for the reasons set forth above with respect to claim 19, Applicant asserts that these claims are also in condition for allowance.

Regarding claims 26-30, as these claims depend either directly or indirectly from independent claim 25, and therefore incorporate all the limitations of claim 25 therein, for the reasons set forth above with respect to claim 25, Applicant asserts that these claims are also in condition for allowance.

Regarding claims 32-36, as these claims depend either directly or indirectly from independent claim 31, and therefore incorporate all the limitations of claim 31 therein, for the reasons set forth above with respect to claim 31, Applicant asserts that these claims are also in condition for allowance.

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It is believed that the foregoing places the Application in condition for allowance; therefore, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the Examiner's rejection of the claims, and full allowance of same. Should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned to expeditiously resolve any outstanding issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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